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Richard Uhlig, October 21, 2003

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Thank you for your time,

Donald Smutny

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And you are forcing us to buy digital in the next 4 or so years, aren't you...

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Adrian Corda
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Philadelphia, PA 19115

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Duane Kaufman
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Hollandale, WI 53544

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Dear Chairman Powell,

When I first hear about the "broadcast flag" proposal I thought it was another of those Internet hoaxes. The whole idea was just too goofy to be credible.

Sadly, I have discovered the proposal is very real.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this very wrong-headed proposal.

Please do not allow the public airwaves to be polluted by copy-protected broadcasts. Think of the interests of the American people and not the narrow concerns of the paid flacks at the MPAA. The airwaves are a public resource and should be used to improve the lot of the average person, not to bolster the bank accounts of a special interest group.

The transition to HDTV has already made obsolete three televisions and several VCRs at my home.

The flag proposal would cause major problems with the large investment I have just made in HDTV and home network equipment. It would negate traditional fair-use rights and turn control of my living room over to a bunch of Hollywood media tycoons.

Broadcast flag?

Just say no.

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